

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1, 27-32 and 61-66 have been cancelled, claims 2-6, 8, 9, 24, 33-38, 40, 41 and 58 have been amended, and claims 67-79 have been added. Thus, claims 2-26, 33-60 and 67-79 are now active in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

Initially, applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the kind indication in items 9 and 10 on page 4 of the Office Action that claims 14-26 and 46-60 are allowed, and that claims 3, 4, 35, and 36 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In order to expedite allowance of this application, rejected claims 27-31 and 61-66 have been canceled. Also, independent claim 1 has been canceled, and each of the allowable dependent claims 3 and 4 has been amended to incorporate therein all of the limitations of claim 1. Dependent claims 2 and 5-13 have been amended to depend from the allowable claim 3.

Similarly, independent claim 32 has been canceled, and each of the allowable dependent claims 35 and 36 has been amended to incorporate therein all of the limitations of the independent claim 32. The dependent claims 33 and 37-45 have been amended to depend from the allowable claim 35, and dependent claim 34 has been amended to depend from the allowable claim 54.

In addition, new dependent claims 67-79 have been added. These dependent claims correspond to some of the dependent claims that originally depended from claims 1 and 32, but these new claims depend on different ones of the allowable independent claims.

Since all of the independent claims were either already allowed or constitute allowable dependent claims rewritten in independent form, and all of the remaining dependent claims depend from one of the allowable independent claims, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims are clearly allowable in view of the indication of allowability as indicated in items 9 and 10 on page 4 of the Office Action.

It is noted that claims 24 and 58 have been amended to clarify that the plunger pump referred to in each of these claims is the same plunger pump referred to in their respective base claims 21 and 54.

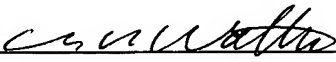
Next, with reference to item 1 on page 2 of the Office Action, wherein the Examiner indicated that Fig. 5 should be labeled as "Prior Art," a replacement formal drawing for Fig. 5 is submitted herewith under separate cover letter in order to so label Fig. 5 as "Prior Art". Approval and entry of this replacement formal drawing are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is clearly in condition for allowance. An early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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